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The following documents are submitted with this Cover Sheet:

Information Disclosure Statement  
Copy of Search Report  
Copy of EP 0 535 919  
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In re the Application of : Confirmation No. 4336  
Ian E. Kibblewhite, et al. : Group Art Unit 2855  
Application No. 10/528,515 : Examiner: Jonathan M. Dunlap  
Filing Date: October 26, 2005 : (571) 270-1335  
For a Patent for :  
THREAD FORMING FASTENERS :  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed as a supplement to the Information Disclosure Statement filed with a "Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal", on April 7, 2008, to advise the U.S. Patent Office of additional information which may be considered "material to patentability" in examining this Patent Application, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement, filed in this matter on July 31, 2006, advised the U.S. Patent Office

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of a U.S. Patent Application, No. 11/344,029, which was filed on January 31, 2006.

The U.S. Patent Office is further advised of an International Application, No. PCT/US2007/002498, which claims the priority of U.S. Patent Application No. 11/344,029 and which was filed on January 29, 2007.

A Search Report has since issued for International Application No. PCT/US2007/002498, and a copy of the issued International Search Report is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement. The following documents are further noted for being cited in this Search Report:

U.S. Patents

6,268,796 (Gnadinger et al.) - Issued: July 31, 2001  
6,239,737 (Black) - Issued: May 29, 2001  
5,216,622 (Kibblewhite et al.) - Issued: June 1, 1993

U.S. Patent Application Publication

2002/0044063 (Blagin et al.) - Published: April 18, 2002

Foreign Document

EP 0 535 919 (Ryan) - Published: April 7, 1993

A copy of EP 0 535 919 is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement. Copies of the above-listed U.S. patent documents have not been enclosed with this Information Disclosure

Statement in view of the elimination of this requirement from 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) (See, Section 609.04(a), Part II(D) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure).

Due consideration of the foregoing documents is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a)(2). It is further respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the above-listed documents by initialing the PTO-1449 form (1) which is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement and which lists the foregoing documents, and by providing applicants with an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form to confirm consideration of the listed documents.


Because this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed as a supplement to the Information Disclosure Statement which was filed with the "Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal", on April 7, 2008, no fee is believed to be necessary for the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement. In the event that a fee is required in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, any necessary fees can be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-2405.

Corresponding action is earnestly solicited.

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